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Nobel Peace Prize Winner Accepts Global Citizen Award

In 1984 Tutu received the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his campaign for “truth, freedom and justice” in South Africa. Said the Nobel Committee, Archbishop Desmond Tutu’s “campaign to solve South Africa’s apartheid problem by peaceful means represents a hope for the future, for the country’s white minority as well as the black majority. Desmond Tutu is an exponent of the only form for conflict solving which is worthy of civilized nations.”

In 1995, President Nelson Mandela chose Tutu to chair South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The Commission was charged with the investigation of human rights violations and reparations and the granting of amnesty, where appropriate, to some of the perpetrators of the atrocities that occurred on both sides under apartheid. Though he says he was “appalled at the evil we have uncovered,” Tutu has also called it a “privilege” to be part of the process of “trying to heal a traumatized and wounded people.”

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VISITING PROFESSOR PRESERVES MEXICO CITY’S COLONIAL HERITAGE

Visiting International Professor Manuel Berumen is a preservation historian and restoration consultant for Mexico’s major monuments and museums.

Professor Manuel Berumen thrives on challenge. His latest brought this professor of History and Mexican Architecture at the Mexican School of Architecture and Graphic Design of LaSalle University in Mexico City to UM-St. Louis, where he has been a Visiting International Professor in the Department of Art and Art History for the spring semester. Berumen taught Colonial Art and Architecture in Mexico for the Art History Department and a course in the history of Mexico City in the Pierre Laclede Honors College.

A professor and practitioner, Berumen earned a master’s degree in monument restoration from the prestigious Universita di Roma in Rome. His expertise focuses on the colonial architecture of Mexico City—teaching about it and working to save it. Berumen’s love of this city, the world’s largest and the most important in Latin America, is apparent in his description of the modern metropolis of 21 million people, superimposed on a colonial city, which, in turn, was built on top of the 14th century Aztec city.

Berumen’s research and work in Mexico City as a project consultant in historic restoration includes the National Institute of Anthropology and History, the National Museum of the Viceroyalty and Puebla’s Viceregal Art Museum. In his latest project, he consulted on the restoration of the Nation’s Supreme Court of Justice, which is one of over a dozen Mexican structures designated by UNESCO as “Historical Landmarks/Architectural Heritage of Humanity.”

Berumen explains that because of the depletion of the water table, Mexico City is actually sinking several inches every year. Many historical landmarks are in ruins. The Mexico City Cathedral, the largest and one of the oldest in North America, which has been restored several times, will once again face collapse in the next 20-30 years. At that point, saving Mexico City’s historical buildings will require Berumen and other preservationists to develop a completely new strategy.

However, this time, he says the government will have new allies from the private sector. The privatization of Mexico’s economy has created a new realization that “society has a responsibility to participate in cultural affairs in Mexico,” he says.

AMBASSADOR SPEAKS ON INDIA’S NEW BUSINESS CLIMATE

Indian Ambassador to the U.S., His Excellency Naresh Chandra addressed the conference Business Opportunities in India on May 2 at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Chandra credited the visit of President Bill Clinton with a dramatic change in U.S.-Indo economic relations and India’s business climate. Clinton, he said “has reduced Indian resistance to foreign direct investment and fears of the impact of globalization.”

The India Initiatives Committee of the Center for International Studies, composed of UM-St. Louis faculty and Indian community leaders, and the World Affairs Council of St. Louis organized the event.

Speaking to the many Indian-American conference participants, Chandra said that India’s former “brain drain” to the U.S. has become a “brain trust,” that is promoting U.S.-India business.

He challenged immigrants who have succeeded in America to make that success a possibility for those in their homeland.

Representatives of companies doing business in India presented an overview of the Indian marketplace, cultural aspects of doing business, the software and energy industries and investment in the information technology sector. The Consul General of India in Chicago, Surendra Kumar, briefed the audience on services provided by his office.

The program was co-sponsored by the U.S. Export Assistance Center, the World Trade Center Saint Louis, the State of Missouri Office of International Marketing, and the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association.

The program was supported by the College of Business Administration at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.
NEW FACULTY TO EXPAND CURRICULUM IN IRISH MUSIC AND LITERATURE

In Fall 2000, two professors will join the UM-St. Louis faculty as Jefferson Smurfit Corporation Professors of Irish Studies.

Dr. Gearóid Ó hAllmhuráin, an ethnomusicologist and musician, will have an appointment in the Department of Music. His specialty is Irish traditional music and its cultural importance, both in Ireland and in the Irish diaspora.

Ó hAllmhuráin completed his undergraduate degrees at University College Cork and received his Ph.D. from Queen’s University of Belfast.

Professor Eamonn Wall will join the Department of English and teach courses in Irish literature and poetry, including Irish literature in the diaspora, and creative writing, with an emphasis on poetry and narratives.

Wall completed his undergraduate degree at University College Dublin and received his Ph.D. in English from City University of New York.

The endowed professorships were made possible by a major gift from the Jefferson Smurfit Corporation with the support of Dr. Michael Smurfit.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE GREATER CHINA ECONOMY

Economic growth in mainland China and Taiwan since 1978 stimulated by new liberal policies of the Chinese government was the catalyst for the Center for International Studies' conference: Greater China Economy: 21st Century Challenges and Opportunities. Held March 24 and 25 at the Radisson Hotel Downtown St. Louis, the conference brought presenters and participants from Asia, Europe, and Australia, as well as from throughout the U.S.

Conference chair Hung-Gay Fung, the Dr. Y.S. Tsiang Professor of Chinese Studies at UM-St. Louis, designed the program as a blend of theory and practice to address the interests of policy-makers, practitioners and scholars. Opening the conference Fung asked, “What will be the impact on China and Taiwan of forthcoming decisions on World Trade Organization (WTO) membership and Most Favored Nation status? What threats to political stability should we anticipate? Can the U.S. and the PRC continue to be the engines for global economic growth?”

Said keynote speaker Robert W. Staley, Vice Chairman of Emerson Electric, “China’s middle class will soon equal the population of the U.S.” Emerson has 24 plants in China. Noting the obstacles presented by issues of human rights, corruption, intellectual property rights, environmental degradation and red tape, Staley also cited China’s growing investment in R & D; low-cost, high-quality manufacturing; and the market for sourcing materials for U.S. plants.

Professor Murray Weidenbaum, chairman of the Center for the Study of American Business at Washington University, described U.S.-China-Taiwan relations as “a precarious triangle.” While its economic relationship with the U.S. will remain essentially “uneven,” China’s relationship with Taiwan will be one of growing economic integration.

Dr. Pompiliu Verzariu, director of the Financial Services and Counter Trade Division of the U.S. Department of Commerce, followed earlier references to Taiwan’s $13,000 average per capita income and China’s 7% growth rate with a projection that China’s entry into the WTO will create an additional 40 million jobless in the PRC.

The conference was co-sponsored by the UM-St. Louis College of Business Administration, where Professor Fung holds a joint appointment.

JAPANESE STUDIES PROFESSOR TO JOIN BUSINESS COLLEGE

The first holder of the Eiichi Shibusawa-Seigo Arai Professorship of Japanese Studies, Professor Allan W. Bird, will join the University of Missouri-St. Louis in fall 2000. Bird will serve as a professor of Japanese and international business in the College of Business Administration. Bird, who received his Ph.D. from the University of Oregon, is the past-president of the Association of Japanese Business Studies and most recently co-edited a book Japanese Multinationals Abroad: Individual and Organizational Learning. His areas of expertise include Japanese management, managing across cultures, comparisons of U.S. and Japanese managers and Japanese multinational corporations abroad.

The endowed professorship was made possible by a major gift from Mr. Seigo Arai, a prominent businessman and friend of the Shibusawa family.
JAPAN'S "INDUSTRIAL REVITALIZATION"
Japanese Minister Gives Frank Assessment

The March 9 Business Briefing on Japan, sponsored by the Center for International Studies at UM-St. Louis and the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) in Chicago, featured Nobuo Tanaka, minister in charge of trade, industry and economic affairs at the Japanese Embassy in Washington, DC. Tanaka described with candor the problems facing an economy that had a negative GDP growth in the last two quarters of 1999.

Though the government's first priority is to stimulate consumption, Tanaka said, "It's as difficult to convince Japanese to consume as it is Americans to save." Government expenditure is the force driving the Japanese economy now, he explained, not private consumption or private sector corporate investment.

Welcome to JETRO CHICAGO

With unemployment projected at 5.8%—twice the norm—for the year 2000, the private sector still needs to eliminate excess equipment and employment. He explained Japan's unfavorable level of productivity. "In the U.S., 23 people out of 100 are using the Internet, compared to 11 in Japan ... The foreign capitalists seen before as 'Black Ships' are now welcomed as white knights that will increase the competitiveness of Japanese companies," said Tanaka.

The current goals of the government are stimulating demand, reforming financial institutions to deal with bad bank loans, and supply side structural reform to eliminate excess capacity and increase productivity in the private sector.

Held on the UM-St. Louis campus, the conference attracted a large number of students, who took advantage of the opportunity to meet Missouri's JETRO Senior Trade Advisor, Mel Yamano, and the State's Director of International Marketing, Angie Overkamp-Kinworthy. Many international students also made valuable connections with speakers whose companies are exporting to Japan, including Sid Azhar of International/Asia-Pacific Division, Paul Mueller Co. and Jim Zygmunt, director of international sales for Siegel-Robert Inc.

The program was co-sponsored by the US Export Assistance Center, the World Trade Center Saint Louis, Missouri Department of Economic Development, the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association and the Japan America Society.

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FILM FESTIVAL CELEBRATES "GREEK AND GREEK-AMERICAN CINEMA"

Three Films, Three Special Guests, Three Wednesdays in April - a winning combination for the Center for International Studies' first film festival. Featuring a trio of Greek and Greek-American films the festival was held at Plaza Frontenac Cinemas on April 5, 12 and 19. Each screening was accompanied by a lecture that explored the festival's themes along with analysis of the evening's film.

Theo Angelopoulos' Eternity and a Day, winner of the Cannes Palm d'Or, was the festival's first offering. Dr. Andrew Horton, professor of film and video studies at the University of Oklahoma, award-winning screenwriter and author of The Films of Theo Angelopoulos: A Cinema of Reflection, discussed the film, the director and the current state of Greek cinema.

The following week, Robert Krantz, writer, producer and star of Do You Wanna Dance?, spoke passionately to the Greek-American audience about the need for films by and about Greek-Americans. He described the making of his own film, which was directed by Michael Achilles Nickles and shot in Chicago in just 18 days.

The festival concluded with a screening of Sortiris Goritsas' humorous modern Odysseus tale, Balkanisateur. Dan Georgakas, author of New Directions in Greek American Studies, Greek America At Work, and contributor to the forthcoming Greek film issue of the Journal of Modern Greek Studies, reviewed the film, discussed Goritsas' body of work and described modern Greece as reflected in Greek cinema.

Tickets to the festival were complimentary and made possible through the support of the Karakas Family Foundation Alliance for the Advancement of Hellenic Studies of the Center for International Studies, University of Missouri-St. Louis.
Edwin H. Fedder, who had retired as director of the Center for International Studies and professor of political science at UM-St. Louis in 1991, died on December 1, 1999 after a long illness. He joined the University in 1967 and developed the Center to promote internationalization of the campus and curriculum. He also was a former chairman of the University’s Senate, the governing body for the campus.

Earlier, he taught at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, the University of Pittsburgh, Ohio State University, and Hollins College.

An authority on alliances, NATO, U.S. foreign policy and national security, he wrote numerous articles on the subjects for professional journals, as well as two books—NATO: The Dynamics of Alliance in the Postwar World, and Defense Politics of the Atlantic Alliance.

Ed was a co-founder of the International Studies Association and a past president of its Midwest and South chapters. He was a visiting fellow at the London School of Economics and a guest lecturer at more than two dozen foreign universities. He was also a member of the Committee on Atlantic Studies and a former chairman of the North American chapter.

Since retiring, he spent his time writing poetry, some of which was published in the Wisconsin Journal of Peace Studies, and much of which was written for his six beloved grandchildren. A few weeks before his death he finished pieces in verse, on “Fascismus” and “The Vietnam War” and demonstrated once again his wit, skepticism, and knowledge of history.

Ed was born and reared in Baltimore where he learned valuable lessons from his family and from customers while working in his family’s grocery store, from the rabbis, and from being a cab driver and fifth-grade teacher. He earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Maryland at College Park and a master’s degree and doctorate, both in political science, from American University in Washington, D.C.

Ed was a dedicated teacher and influenced the lives of many of his students. He nurtured students and patiently helped them develop intellectually and academically. No one was more able at blending history, international politics, personal relations, and humor to convey indelible insights about international relations. He was equally adept at teaching the nuances of international relations theory and the reality of current political developments in the world. He was unsurpassed at being able to use Mel Brooks to explain the Treaty of Westphalia, the origins of the Great War, and post-cold war U.S.-European relations. His anecdotal teaching style often puzzled students at first but they came to understand and appreciate the method that left such lasting lessons. Students finished his classes with greater knowledge and sophistication, maturity, and deeper concern for the human condition.

Many junior faculty of international relations and other disciplines were successful in their efforts to secure tenure through his unfailing support and through his long service on the campus tenure and promotions committee where he fought vigorously to uphold standards while maintaining sensibility and vision.

Through his Ephemeral Committee on Purity of Conscience, he was the unofficial, persistent mocker of campus officialism, error, stupidity, pomposity, and arrogance. Through his wit and creativity he never failed to expose the nakedness of those who would be emperors.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Ruth Weger Fedder, a daughter, Jane Lazaroff, a son, David Fedder, two brothers, Herb Fedder and Donald Fedder, both of Baltimore, a sister, Bonnie Safro, of Tamarac, Florida, and six grandchildren.

An endowed lecture series in foreign policy and international relations has been established in his honor at University of Missouri-St. Louis and donations are welcomed in his memory.

Ed’s wisdom and wit cannot be replaced. We will miss him greatly and forever.
INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE
From the desk of International Programs Coordinator Carol Cradock

For the third year the Center for International Studies and the Center for Academic Development are collaborating to present an Intensive English Language Institute. The Institute begins on June 27 and concludes on August 4 with the administration of an institutional TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language).

Designed for international students who plan to continue their studies at U.S. colleges and universities, the Institute offers six weeks of classes in listening/speaking, reading/writing and grammar. The program fee of $2,600 includes instruction and housing in the University residence halls. Activities are planned to welcome and introduce the participants to the St. Louis area.

In previous years most Institute students have remained to continue their studies at UM-St. Louis. The six weeks spent on campus provided students an excellent opportunity not only to improve their English skills, but also to become accustomed to American daily life before their free time was more constrained by a full-time academic schedule. The Institute is an excellent transition that enables students to get to know the University and the community during the “hazy, lazy days” of summer. Students also forge friendships that help ease the sometimes abrupt changes in culture and environment.

For more information about the Institute, contact Carol Cradock at 314-516-6983 or by e-mail at ccradock@umsl.edu.

NEW EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM KOREA MARITIME UNIVERSITY
From the desk of Study Abroad Coordinator Pamyla Yates

The first exchange students from the Korea Maritime University arrived this January with big dreams and great enthusiasm for their studies and life here at UM-St. Louis. Yun-sun Shin, Dong-Hyoun Lee and Kae-Hyoung Park will spend one year on our campus before returning home to Pusan. Yun-sun Shin, who would like to become an interpreter in the future, was greatly impressed by a required class visit to the St. Louis Art Museum after first arriving, and now she goes there frequently. Dong-Hyoun, whose favorite place in St. Louis so far is the Westward Expansion Museum at the Arch, has made many friends at UM-St. Louis. Kae-Hyoung, who has studied Japanese as well as English, finds that she is able to use all three of her languages here with American and other international students.

All three say that their biggest adjustment has come with the style of teaching and study expected here in the U.S. The “experience of the midterm exam” was a turning point for Yun-sun, and now she feels she knows what she should do for classes. Dong-Hyoun and Kae-Hyoung said they found they have to be more outgoing to get information from other students and teachers; so they have found study partners among other students. Yun-sun has been very surprised by the freedom a U.S. student has in choosing among many topics and has been equally impressed by the depth of the class discussions. All agree that the student’s role is much more active in an American class, and they are doing their best to adjust to the new style. Despite a busy class schedule, Dong-Hyoun and Kae-Hyoung have made time for part-time campus jobs and Yun-sun volunteers as a Sunday school teacher at the Korean Catholic Church in Ellisville.

The exchange with Korea Maritime University offers a great opportunity for graduates or graduate students of UM-St. Louis who would like to spend a year in Pusan teaching English. Dong-Hyoun says that although English is a relatively new program in her university, the teaching resources and facilities are very good. Yun-sun would like for prospective exchange participants to know that if they come to Pusan, they will find lovely weather and, since it is an island, ocean sports such as windsurfing and sailing are very popular. If you would like more information about the exchange program or teaching opportunities at Korea Maritime University, contact Study Abroad Coordinator Pamyla Yates by phone at 314-516-6497 or by e-mail at pam.yates@umsl.edu.
“We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time...
— T. S. Eliot

Reporting on their fall semester 1999 at the University of Ghana-Legon, UM-St. Louis students Nate Rustemeyer and April Loving echoed the idea that they learned a great deal about themselves. Loving says she gained a "new sense of reality and self-confidence." Rustemeyer explains, "My identity has grown." According to both students, one of the first questions visitors to Ghana will be asked is what day of the week they were born on. Language reflects culture, and inter-cultural encounter has a definite impact on the identity of the sojourner—in fact, Rustemeyer adopted a Ghanaian name which he uses with Ghanaian friends: "Kwame 'Chile' Mensah." Kwame means Saturday; the other names were given to him by Ghanaian friends.

For part of the semester, Loving and her roommate shared their accommodation with a Ghanaian, which she feels gave her an inside track on the culture. She was impressed with the cultural differences between Ghana and the U.S.—especially the respect that people in Ghana give to older people. Rustemeyer also made friends with a lot of Ghanaians, and remains in touch with them. Both Loving and Rustemeyer report that a significant part of the cultural experience comes from the different expectations about living standards and pace of life. Loving said that the way of doing things in Ghana requires patience, and Rustemeyer says that he learned to "treat patience not as we call it here, a virtue, but as it is over there—a necessity.”

Loving's experience when she returned to the U.S. outlines another part of the study abroad experience, which is "re-entry shock." She felt as soon as she reached the Chicago airport that she was "stepping back into this complex world where things are so fast-paced." She also found that people in Ghana were generally more trusting and that she could be more open and trusting with the people there. She feels the experience in Ghana has taught her it is possible to be more patient and it is not necessary to always have "technology at the snap of a finger."

Loving, who is African-American, says the experience of visiting Ghana was like “going home” and “just standing on Ghanaian soil” was a very special moment for her. When students study abroad, they also take on a role as “cultural ambassadors.” Loving, who is African-American, says the experience of visiting Ghana was like “going home” and “just standing on Ghanaian soil” was a very special moment for her. She treasures the experience of getting to know the Ghanaian people. She found that Ghanaians really wanted to know about African-American life in the U.S. and in her opinion, they didn’t really have a lot of information beyond popular culture forms.

While study abroad offers very different experiences, both students attended courses much as they would at home here on the UM-St. Louis campus. Loving says that the Ghanaian students are very serious and that this really helped her focus on her classes, which included Ghanaian Literature, Art History of Ghana and African Traditional Religion. There is a full curriculum of science and social sciences available for students.

Students from UM-St. Louis and other Missouri campuses go to Ghana each year for the fall semester. They are accompanied by a faculty member from one of the participating Missouri schools. Dr. Sheilah Clarke-Ekong, chair-person and associate professor of anthropology at UM-St. Louis, will accompany the group for the fall 2000 trip. To learn more about this program, contact Pam Yates by phone at 314-516-6497 or by e-mail at pam.yates@umsl.edu.

Loving advises prospective participants to “go to Ghana with an open mind and leave your expectations at home. If you have any desire to go at all, this would be a great experience.”
WORLD TRADE OUTLOOK 2000

World Trade Outlook 2000 was the theme of the St. Louis Regional International Partnership's annual World Trade Week conference. Over 100 people attended the event held May 23 at the Marriott Hotel in downtown St. Louis.

Speakers discussed trends in the global business climate, as well as the economic outlook, business environment and opportunities for U.S. companies in different world regions.

The St. Louis Regional International Partnership is an alliance of international organizations in the St. Louis metropolitan region that support efforts to increase international trade and education, cultural exchange and cross-cultural understanding in order to improve the socio-economic and cultural well-being of the residents of the St. Louis metropolitan region. Members of this partnership include UM-St. Louis and other universities, the U.S. Export Assistance Center, the World Trade Center of St. Louis, and the State of Missouri Office of International Marketing.

ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE PEACE

State Of The World Conference asks “How can societies that are emerging from conflict confront the violence of their history and build sustainable peace?”

“Track two diplomacy” was the answer offered by Paul Arthur in his opening speech at the May 4 State of the World 2000 conference. One of Northern Ireland’s leading analysts of the peace process, Arthur is a professor of political science and director of the master's program in peace and conflict studies at the University of Ulster. He believes that building a climate that will support conflict resolution requires small steps, “quiet diplomacy and personal conversation,” taken by private individuals operating outside of the formal diplomatic process, a form of “second track” diplomacy. An activist as well as analyst, Arthur frequently organizes conferences that bring together representatives from across the political spectrum in Northern Ireland.

Alan Gerson, J.S.D., LLM, JD, the conference closing speaker, presented the conclusions of his recently completed study commissioned by the World Bank, Partnering for Peace: A United Approach for the New Millennium-the United Nations, the World Bank, Non-governmental Organizations and the Private Sector. “In a world where two-thirds of the ongoing armed conflicts occur in the poorest countries of the globe,” said Gerson.

Letter From London

From the desk of Terry Williams, Senior Coordinator, E. Desmond Lee Global Ethnic Collaborative of the Center for International Studies

Eleven students, faculty and community members traveled to London on the Center for International Studies’ European trip, London 2000, on March 3 - 12. Theatre was a main theme this year with trip members seeing The Merchant of Venice, Bash, The Real Thing, H.M.S. Pinafore, The Lion King, The Lady in the Van, The Reduced Shakespeare, Mamma Mia, Battle Royal, and The Mouse Trap - yes, it’s STILL playing!

Tour coordinator, Terry Williams, arranged for special backstage tours of Shakespeare’s Globe in Southwark, and the new “Through the Stage Door” Tour of the Theatre Royal Drury Lane. As luck would have it, tour members were also privileged to see a special platform with Dame Judy Dench at the Royal National Theatre. Not all was theatre. Tours of Westminster Abbey and the Palace of Westminster (Parliament) were included. Some travelers even managed to get out of London for trips to Bath, Glastonbury, Rye and Canterbury - imagine!

Sound like something you would have liked to do? Join us next year for London 2001 - March 9 through the 18. There will be plenty of new plays, the backstage tours, Parliament and a special added treat - a lecture at LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art - England’s oldest theatre school) on “English Theatre and Acting.” Three tickets will be included for performances at the Royal National Theatre, the Royal Shakespeare Company and a West End show. Tour price will be approximately $1,400. For more information, please contact Terry Williams at 314-516-6495.

Cheers!
ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE PEACE continued

building sustainable peace requires the creation of “good governance” where none existed before, along with an economic reconstruction only attainable through the collaboration of the United Nations, the World Bank, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. He proposes creating a Peace Transitions Council that would coordinate this partnership.

Gerson’s report is based largely on the work of a study group convened at the Council on Foreign Relations, where he was a senior fellow for international law and organizations. He has also been Distinguished Professor of International Law and Transactions at George Mason University and a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. Currently with the New America Foundation, Gerson served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for international and national security affairs, and as counsel to General Vemon Walters and Jeane Kirkpatrick, U.S. Mission to the UN.

UM-St. Louis faculty, including political scientists Assistant Professor Jean-Germain Gros, Professor Joyce Mushaben, Associate Professor Eduardo Silva, Adjunct Assistant Professor Chrystalla Ellina, Sociology Professor George McCall, and Lentz Post-Doctoral Fellow in Peace and Conflict Resolution Research Ismene Gizelis, conducted six briefing/discussion sessions at the conference. For information about available conference papers, contact Center for International Studies Assistant Director Bob Baumann; telephone: 314-516-5798; e-mail: bob.baumann@umsl.edu.

The annual conference is sponsored by the Center for International Studies, the Center’s E. Desmond Lee Global Ethnic Collaborative, the UM-St. Louis Alumni Association and Business Chapter and the World Affairs Council of St. Louis.

Paul Arthur, professor of political science and director of the Peace and Conflict Studies program, University of Ulster, served as the 1999-00 Jefferson Smurfit Corporation Distinguished Lecturer in Irish Studies at UM-St. Louis. Arthur spoke at the State of the World Conference 2000, conducted a workshop on “Conflict and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland” for University of Missouri faculty and addressed the English Speaking Union.
Dr. Carlos Elizondo Mayer-Serra, distinguished economist and general director of Mexico City's Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economicas (CIDE), gave the second annual Rolando Lara Zavala Memorial Lectures in Mexican Studies on March 1 and 2. Elizondo discussed how demographic shifts, as well as economic and education trends will impact Mexico's July 2000 presidential election. He also lectured on Economic Reform Under Zedillo: Too Much or Too Little? and The Fiscal Weakness of the Mexican State: Causes and Implications.

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MEXICO, JULY 2000
Lara Lecturer Projects Results of Presidential Election

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ISRAEL AT 52

Drs. Dov and Yehudit (Judy) Dori of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel, gave the second and final lecture, Educating for a Technological Age, in the Center for International Studies' ISRAEL AT 52 series on March 6. Both Drs. Dori are 1999-2000 visiting scholars at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dov at Sloan School of Management, Judy at the Center for Educational Computing Initiatives.

Focusing on science education, they reviewed their research on the methodologies employed and results achieved in teaching students at the Technion in Israel. They concluded that the students who perform better are those who are taught to ask questions rather than answer them, who are exposed to an open-ended teaching methodology, and who are involved in teacher/student evaluation of the curriculum.

The ISRAEL AT 52 series began with Art and Culture, by Marie Shek of the Israeli Consulate in San Francisco.

A culinary trip around the world is always the most popular event of International Week, an annual weeklong festival celebrating the international diversity of UM-St. Louis students. On April 22, nearly 200 people, students, faculty members and their families, and University neighbors enjoyed this year's International Dinner, which featured authentic food from sixteen countries. UM-St. Louis now has eight national/ethnic organizations: Arabian, Chinese, Chinese-Taiwan, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Malaysian and Thai, as well as the International Student Organization. Seventy-five students prepared and hosted the dinner.

The series was a collaborative effort of the Center for International Studies, the Jewish Community Relations Council, the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce of St. Louis and the American Society for Technion-Israel Institute of Technology - St. Louis.
BYZANTINE LEGACY

The Legacy of the Byzantine World in Serbia was the topic of the second annual Catherine Pelican Memorial Lecture in Greek Culture given on February 8 by Art History Professor Slobodan Curcic of the Art and Archaeology Department, Princeton University. Curcic illustrated the architectural and artistic influence of the Byzantine Empire on Serbia, in particular how Serbia’s first emperors incorporated Byzantine themes in their iconography, hagiography and claims of monarchical rights. “While the medieval Serbian state straddled the religious and cultural divide between the East and the West throughout its 250-year long history, its ties with the Byzantine world were far more profound and had a lasting impact on the development of its culture that, in some sense, has endured to our own times,” said Curcic.

Ironically, he concluded, as the world is reintroduced to the masterpieces of the era and learns to appreciate them once again, the recent war in the former Yugoslavia has destroyed many of these treasures.

The Catherine Pelican Memorial Lecture in Greek Culture was established by Dr. and Mrs. George Pelican and Mrs. Maria P. Kafalenos in memory of their mother. The lecture is presented annually by the Greek Studies Program of the Center for International Studies.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Don R. FLOTT, (International studies certificate, 1987) was recently promoted to the post of Director of Marketing and Sales for Mayo Collaborative Services a division of the Mayo Clinic with headquarters in Rochester, Minnesota.

Floitt, a political science major active in the Midwest Model United Nations and the Political Science Academy while at UM-St. Louis, oversees both domestic and international activities for Mayo Collaborative Services including the International Unit; Mayo Clinic Clinical Trials, which helps drug companies bring a new drug to market; Mayo Medical Laboratories, a reference laboratory that receives over 10,000 tests per day from around the US and world; Mayo Imaging Services which provides service to radiologists; Mayo Pulmonary Services, which provides quality control and assurance programs for hospitals; and the Clinical Development unit which develops disease management strategies for patients. In addition, Don serves as a staff member of the Mayo Foundation.

Since the International Unit has offices in Mexico City, Mexico; Santiago, Chile; Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Ankara, Turkey, and Kuala Lumpur and Kuching, Malaysia, Don has travelled extensively while working with these offices to deliver Mayo health and administrative services to peoples in all of these countries. Luckily Don and his wife, Ann Marie, love recreational travelling too and have made the most of their opportunities to explore Turkey, Mexico, and the Arabian Gulf. Most recently they returned from a tour of Chilean vineyards with a new appreciation for the fine cabernets of Chile.

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Dr. Christalla ELLINA (exchange student from Universite Jean Moulin, AY 1993-95) completed her Ph.D. in Political Science at UM-St. Louis in December 1999 with a dissertation on the role of international institutions in promoting women’s rights. Recently she married Boyd Anderson in services in Cyprus and they are living in Florissant, MO. • Babatunde DEINBO (International studies certificate, 1991) is a teacher and administrator at Seldon International High School, St. Louis. He was recently elected Mayor of the City of Berkeley, MO. • Ana GABARDA (exchange student from Universidade Autonoma de Madrid, AY 1995-96) is a Ph.D. candidate in organic chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh working on the synthesis of anti-cancer compounds. • Sandra JACQUET (exchange student from Universite Jean Moulin, Lyon, France, AY 1995-96) is busy raising her son Hugo and works in the computer department of Mobelga, France’s premier manufacturer of kitchen and bathroom cabinets and built-in units. • Dr. Carol SHOLY (member, Sigma Iota Rho International Studies honorary society, 1999) completed her Ph.D. in political science at UM-St. Louis in December 1999. Her dissertation focused on the relationship between internal governmental crises and war initiation. • David HEYDE (exchange student to University of Stuttgart, AY1995-96) has received a Fulbright Award and is studying this year at the University of Freiburg, Germany. He is taking classes in linguistics, literature and philosophy. In July 1999, he married Florence Dancoisne. • Russian ALKHANOV (exchange student from Azerbaijan, AY 1995-96) will graduate in May with a MS in finance from Texas A & M University and will take a position with the Strategic Business Management Department at Dell in Austin, TX. • Jon SEAL (exchange student to University of Stuttgart, AY 1994-95) completed his M.S. in ecology and conservation biology at UM-St. Louis and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in entomology at Louisiana State University. His research focuses on the ecology and conservation of native bees especially the detrimental effects of fire ants. In summer 1999 he was selected to participate in a field ecology course in Costa Rica offered by the Organization for Tropical Studies. He continues to be interested in studying German language. • Christopher FOLLISS (East Asian studies certificate, 1999, and participant in Semester in Nakajo, Japan Program, 1997) is completing his M.B.A. at Webster University and will intern with a company in Japan in summer 2000. • Maryann SOURIS (exchange student to Ecole Superieure des Sciences Commerciales, Angers, France, 1999) will be participating in a work abroad program in New Zealand beginning in May, 2000. • Roman ALLOYAROV (exchange student from Azerbaijan, AY 1994-95) received his LL.M degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1998 and passed the New York Bar Exam. Currently, he is an Associate with the Baku offices of the international law firm of Salans Hertzfeld and Heilbronn.
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